



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES  
KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR  
IN  
RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS**

**American Burying Beetle** (*Nicrophorus americanus*) - Endangered: Known to occur historically. Prefers loose sandy/clay loam soils in grasslands and upland woodland edges. Endangered nationally.

**Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular winter resident at Tuttle Creek Reservoir and along the Big Blue and Kansas Rivers. Wintering eagles are dependent upon large water bodies and larger rivers where they feed on waterfowl and fish. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

**Eastern Spotted Skunk** (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers forest edge and rock outcrops in upland prairie grasslands. Also frequents fencerows, outbuildings, brushpiles, and riparian woodlands.

**Eskimo Curlew** (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring migrant using plowed fields, heavily grazed pastures, burned grasslands, and prairie dog towns. Was most common in the eastern 2/3 of the state, but has not been verified in Kansas since 1902. A few birds may still migrate through the state. Endangered nationally.

**Least Tern** (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: Known to nest along the Kansas River. May also occur as transients or occasional summer visitants at impoundments and wetlands. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

**Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: Known to occur as an uncommon transient and occasional winter visitant. Prefers marshes, lakes, and rivers where concentrations of waterfowl or other birdlife provide ample prey.

**Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: Known to nest along the Kansas River. May also occur as a transient at sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flats and open ground in marshes, and bare river sandbars. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

**Snowy Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: May occur as an occasional summer visitant or transient on mud flats in wetlands, bare river sandbars, and shorelines on impoundments.

**Sturgeon Chub** (*Macrhybopsis gelida*) - Threatened: Restricted to larger sandy rivers where they frequent areas swept by currents especially at heads of islands and sandbars. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal candidate.

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**Topeka Shiner** (*Notropis topeka*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Big Blue River and Wildcat Creek basins. Prefers small streams having high water quality and clean gravel substrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

**White-faced Ibis** (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a local summer visitant or seasonal transient in marshes and at impoundments.

**Whooping Crane** (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: Known to occur infrequently as a seasonal transient. May stop to rest and feed at marshes and hay fields. Endangered nationally.